News-item captioned "Achha Sujhav"

100. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Achha Sujhav" which appeared in the Navbharat Times, dated 24th April, 2001; and

(b) if so, Government's response to Institute of Chartered Accountants of India's views on registration of small companies with Corporate big companies and its bad impact on financial position?

THE MINISTER OF LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India has denied that the views published in the News paper are that of the Institute. However, the primary job of Registrar of Companies is to register and give name to a company which fulfills the basic criteria. However, to put a check in growing number of Companies which remain dormant after its registration, the requirement of minimum paid up capital has been fixed to Rs. One lakh for private companies and Rs. Five Lakhs for public companies. Regarding preparation and presentation of consolidated financial statements, it is submitted that Clause 168 of the Companies, Bill, 1997 pending with Rajya Sabha, provides to prepare such accounts.

Pending cases of Nidhi Companies

101. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have come out with any specific guidelines on the implementation and approval of Nidhi Companies under Section 620A of the Companies Act;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be implemented;

(c) the number of cases under this category presently pending in the department; and

(d) by when they are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Committee of experts set up by the Government on 23.3.2000 under the Chairmanship of Shri P. Sabanayagam had submitted its report to the Government in September 2000. After careful consideration of the report and in consultation with Reserve Bank of India and representatives of Chamber of Nidhis/Benefit Funds, the Government have finalised revised directions for Nidhi Companies which shall be notified very soon.

(c) As on 31.3.2001, 101 cases are pending at various stages.

(d) After implementation of these directions the pending applications shall be processed on merits.

Fast Track Courts in Andhra Pradesh

102. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh specifying the number of Fast Track Courts to be set up in the State to dispose Sessions cases expeditiously;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government on the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (c) As against the recommendation of the Eleventh Finance Commission to set up 86 Fast Track Courts, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has already set up 25 Fast Track Courts. The State Government has been requested to set up the remaining number of courts also.